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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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### **Police Investigating Discovery of Body**

Howard County Police are investigating the discovery of an unidentified white female who was found in Ellicott City today. The victim's body was located in a wooded area behind a residential neighborhood off of Pebble Beach Drive.

At approximately 4 p.m., police were advised that a body had been found by a group of young people in the woods. Detectives responded to the scene to begin an investigation.

Police are investigating this discovery as suspicious, but are still working to determine whether foul play may have been involved. The victim appeared to have injuries to the ankle and knee. Additional injuries could not be determined by officers at the scene.

While detectives have not yet identified the body, they are investigating the possibility it may be that of a 21-year-old girl recently reported missing from the nearby neighborhood. Police will await preliminary autopsy results and *do not expect to be able to confirm her identity until early next week.*

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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